Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Congress, by Joint Resolution, has designated October of each year as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month"; and,

Whereas, This month serves to inform the public that workers with disabilities represent a diverse workforce and vibrant talent pool for hire; and,

Whereas, This month provides the opportunity for all Americans to recognize the tremendous value and potential of people with disabilities and to recommit and dedicate ourselves to the empowerment, integration, employment, and full inclusion of every one of our citizens; and,

Whereas, We cannot afford, either morally or financially, to lose the contributions that people with disabilities bring, not only to the workplace, but also to mainstream community life as an irreplaceable resource for South Dakota and our Nation; and,

Whereas, We celebrate citizens, businesses, and government working together to remove barriers and false perceptions faced by individuals with disabilities; and,

Whereas, All persons with disabilities have the right and responsibility to be active, contributing members of society; and,

Whereas, We all can "Profit by Investing in Workers with Disabilities":

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I call on all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that support and promote providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State